



March 2012

# NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1963  
Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

In 1963, the Eastern Airline Orchid Club was "formed to foster good fellowship through the common love of orchids in all their forms and varieties: to share both the knowledge and techniques or culture and the mystery and beauty of the plants and flowers."

*Visitors Always Welcome*

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 16 at 7:30 pm.**

Florida International University, South Campus  
Wertheim Conservatory, Next to the Greenhouse  
Tamiami Trail, (S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street) and S.W. 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue

(All Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As most of you know we had a great field trip to Palm Hammock Orchid Estate. Then, we went to Quest Orchids before breaking up about 12:00 or 12:30 pm. At Palm Hammock, we had a relaxing breakfast thanks to Chris, Jorge, and Barbara in a great garden setting. We learned a lot about the history of the area. The raffle was a great start.

At Quest, we learned what it takes for a commercial grower to grow wonderful orchids, as well as, some new technology in roof coverings. Yolanda also told us of some plans they have for a festival in October or November, and asked EALOC to be a part of it. Be sure to see the future "upcoming events".

Your President,  
Danny Lutz

## MEETING PRESENTER



The presenter for the March meeting will be Roger Hammer.

Botanist and author, Roger Hammer, will provide stories behind some of Florida's best-known and loved features. During the fun and fact-filled share presentation based on his book, "Florida Icons: 50 Classic Views of the Sunshine State", you'll discover a fantastic key lime pie recipe, the river in the famed Stephen Foster song, and what makes Apalachicola oysters so tasty.

A native Floridian who has lived in Homestead since 1969, Mr. Hammer has been a senior interpretive naturalist for the Miami-Dade Parks Department and Manager of Castellow Hammock Nature Center since

1977. He has served on the Tropical Audubon Society's Board of Directors since 1998. An avid wildlife photographer who also enjoys canoeing, kayak fishing, camping, and gardening, Mr. Hammer is the consummate naturalist and outdoorsman.

Mr. Hammer will have his new book for sale along with a variety of his own books.

## ZOO NEWS



There are a lot of orchids in flower with a number of aggregatums getting ready to pop. Don't forget the baby rhino. She is often animated in the nice mornings we are having.

## REFRESHMENTS



Appreciation is extended to Jorge Li, Chris Rawls, and Barbara Lutz for providing the goodies for the past field trip. Thank you!!!

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If you have any additions, deletions or corrections, please e-mail Chris Rawls at [ccrawls@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccrawls@bellsouth.net) or call him at 305-253-6715.

## SUNSHINE



If you know of anyone under the weather, please call Diane Dickhut at 305-385-4007. She will send a card from the club members.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### ➤ Calendar

- March 11.....Daylight Savings Time Begins (Johnny Appleseed Day)
- March 16.....EALOC Meeting
- March 20.....First Day of Spring

- March 31.....Field Trip to Private Garden
- April 21.....EALOC Picnic at Matheson Hammock
- May 13.....Mother's Day
- May 18.....EALOC Meeting
- May 18-20.....Redland Orchid Festival

### ➤ Lectures at Palm Hammocks Orchid Estate

- March 24.....Flowers For the South Florida Garden
- March 31.....Container Water Gardening

All lectures are at 10:00 a.m. unless so noted. Please call and register for classes at 305-274-9813.

### ➤ Show and Tell

There will be a "Show and Tell" this month. Thanks goes to all those who bring plants. We enjoy seeing and hearing about all your beautiful blooming plants!

### ➤ Silent Auction

The silent auction resumes this month.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



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Gilda joined at the January meeting. She finally won a raffle plant, the last one on the table. So our tradition lives on!



## MARCH FIELD TRIP

Ralph Hernandez, our program chair, has set up a field trip to Dr. Jeff Block's private garden while we are enjoying such great weather. Dr. Block's garden is now twenty years old and we can now see the benefits of his original landscape design. This garden has been transformed from a collector's garden into a masterful botanical garden

offering balanced vistas among artistic vignettes of plantings. Nearby pathways enable plant specimens to be observed from optimal vantage points, and allow accessibility for maintenance.

We will meet on:

**Saturday, March 31**  
**10:00 am**  
**7299 SW 79 Court**

**\*\*\*Don't forget to bring your water.**

